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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: VISIT BY YUKIO SATO

1. FOREIGN OFFICE SECURITY DIVISION CHIEF YUKIO SATO
PLANS TO VISIT U.S. JUNE 27 THROUGH JULY 10.
TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOLLOWS:

JUNE 27-28 VISIT CINCPAC. DISCUSSIONS WITH
CINCPAC STAFF ON DEFENSE COOPERATION,
GENERAL FORCE STRUCTURE AND, POSSIBLY
LABOR-COST SHARING.

JUNE 30-JULY 1 LOS ANGELES, WITH VISIT TO CAMP
PENDLETON. BELIEVE IT WOULD BE
USFUL TO BRIEF SATO ON MARINE CORPS
TRAINING CONCEPTS, PARTICULARLY
TO ILLUSTRATE VARIOUS RESTRICTIONS

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IN JAPAN WHICH IMPACT ON LARGE-SCALE
COMBINED AIR-GROUND TRAINING.

JULY 2-10 WASHINGTON. MEETINGS WITH DOD AND
STATE OFFICIALS JULY 5-8. IN ADDITION
TO GENERAL DISCUSSIONS ON SECURITY
MATTERS, SATO WOULD APPRECIATE BRIEF-

INGS ON ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS,
INCLUDING NOISE ABATEMENT MEASURES
FOLLOWED BY U.S., WAS WELL AS DOD
BUDGETARY ARRANGEMENTS AS THEY IMPACT
ON LABOR MATTERS. SATO HAS ALREADY
DISCUSSED THIS WITH ABRAMOWITZ.

3. ARRANGEMENTS FOR VISIT EXCEPT FOR CINCPAC WILL BE MADE
BY JAPANESE EMBASSY. IN ADDITION TO MEETINGS WITH
SHERMAN, FEATHERSTONE AND ABRAMOWITZ, HE WILL BE REQUESTING
MEETINGS WITH PM, ESPECIALLY ISP AND NSC ARMACOST. SATO
ALSO HOPES FOR CHANCE TO SEE "OLD FRIENDS" HOLBROOKE, LAKE
AND NAVY ASSISTANT SECRETARY WOOLSEY.

4. AT DOD, SATO WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY SEIKI NISHIHIRO
OF JDA DEFENSE BUREAU. NISHIHIRO HOLDS KEY PLANNING
POSITION COVERING AGENERAL DEFENSE PLANNING, DEFENSE
COOPERATION, KOREA ETC. HE IS SENIOR JDA OFFICIAL TO HAVE
ENTERED JDA THROUGH CAREER ROUTE RATHER THAN LATERALLY
FROM OTHER AGENCIES.

5. IN RECENT CONVERSATIONS, SATO HAS EXPRESSED INCREASING
CONCERN ABOUT GOJ ABILITY TO RESPOND ADEQUATELY TO USG
REQUEST FOR LABOR-COST SHARING. HE HAS FLOATED IDEA THAT
IT MIGHT BE EASIER FOR GOJ TO ASSIST BY INCREASING
FACILITY CONSTRUCTION. EMBASSY HAS TRIED TO DISCOURAGE
IDEA FOR NOW, ARGUING THAT NEW FACILITIES WOULD NOT EASE
PRESSING COST PROBLEM, I.E., THAT FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION
IS DEFERRABLE WHILE LABOR COSTS ARE NOT. EMBASSY STRONGLY
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RECOMMENDS AGAINST ENCOURAGING GOJ AT THIS TIME TO
SUBSTITUTE FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION FOR LABOR-COST SHARING.
WE RECOMMEND INSTEAD CONTINUING TO PRESS FOR LABOR-COST
SHARING, HOLDING IN RESERVE FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION IDEA
UNTIL WE ARE REASONABLY SURE WE HAVE OBTAINED ALL WE CAN
ON LABOR SIDE.

6. THIS APPROACH HAS SEVERAL ADVANTAGES. FIRST, IT HOLDS
BEST PROMISE FOR GETTING MOST POSSIBLE ON LABOR. SECOND,
BY BUILDING PRESSURE ON LABOR SIDE, IT MAY ENHANCE
PROSPECTS FOR BREAKTHROUGH ON FACILITIES SIDE AS WELL,
WHERE MAJOR POLITICAL DECISION WILL BE NEEDED TO OVERCOME
PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH OHIRA VIEW. FINALLY, WE SHOULD
AVOID SHIFT TOWARD FACILITIES PROGRAM WITHOUT CLEAR IDEA
OF PRIORITIES AND RELATIVE COST ADVANTAGES. AT SAME TIME,
HOWEVER, WE SHOULD PROBABLY BEGIN THINKING ABOUT POSSIBLE
NEW CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS WHICH MIGHT BE USED IN
RESPONDING SHOULD THIS IDEA EVENTUALLY EMERGE FROM
LABOR"COST SHARING NEGOTIATIONS.

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